# *Executive Proclamation*
# *State of South Dakota*
# *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, The mission of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens; and,

***Whereas,*** Girl Scouting is a value-rooted, people centered organization whose aim is to build better people, and to teach girls responsibility, cooperation, civic pride and respect for self and others; and,

***Whereas,*** Kina Mercado has earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award, symbolizing outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development; and,

***Whereas***, Kina has demonstrated leadership skills and acted as a role model to fellow Girl Scouts; and,

***Whereas,*** It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate Kina on her outstanding accomplishments of receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award:

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join Kina's parents and her leaders of Girl Scouts in congratulating Kina on this momentous occasion.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State